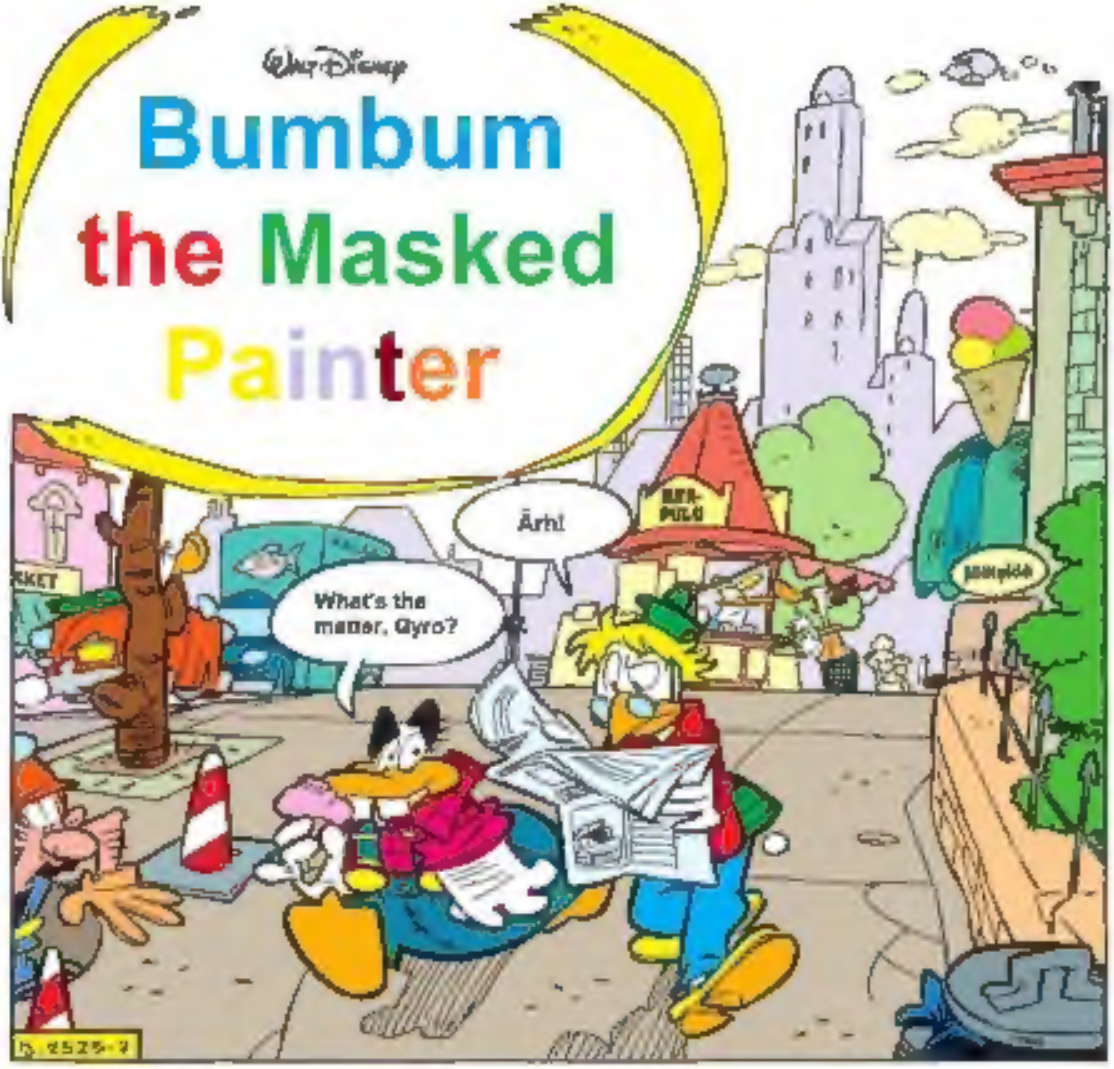
Bumbum the Masked Painter



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All you have to do is stop reading the news!
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Take it from me! I haven't opened up a newspaper in years!
It's still important to be well-informed!
You can't just live life with your head underground like an ostrich!
Ever heard of a little phrase called "ignorance is bliss?!" There was a whole song about i-
Hands up, you two!
Uip!
Eep! It's a thief!
Give me everything you've got!
You heard the man, Gyro! Take out that huge wad of cash you make sure to hide away from robbers!
Shut up, Bumbum.
Hahaha!

Gyro! Would you rather we die so that you can keep your precious money?
Need I remind you that it's my money he's taking?
Pfft. Seems pretty trivial whose money it is!
Yeah! Now fork it over!
Not so fast, crook!
P-Paperink?!
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In the feathers! And I'm here to try out my new secret weapon!
You'll be tickled to find out what it does!
Heeheeheehee! No! That tickles! Stop it! Uncle!! Hahaha!!
Hehehehe!
Perfect! He's running right off to the city jail!

Paperinik waved at us...
...As if he knew us...
Oh, what am I saying?! He was probably just being nice! :-)
Did you see how fast he was? How courageous? How he laughed in the face of danger?
How he zapped that guy?! Pewpew!
I can't help but wonder who is hidden under that mask.
He's skillfully disguised all his features and quirks! While he wears that mask and sailor's hat, figuring out his identity is impossible! He's very clever, that Paperinik!
Soon after...
Nothing like a good glass of tamarind juice to put that misadventure behind us!
I'd rather have something to help with this headache...
Well tamarind helps with measles...
...if you bathe in it at least...

If I could soar through the sky like Paperinik, my migraine would pass, that's for sure!
It also works as a shampoo...
It's gotta be super cool to sneak around on rooftops, keeping watch over the city and fighting crime!
But alas, you and I don't have what it takes to be a vigilante of the night!
Speak for yourself!
Have you ever heard of a guy called *The Masked Painter*?
Wait! You mean that famed masked hero from a while back...
Don't tell me... You.....
Shhh! You cannot tell anyone about this!

It's a long story...
At the time, life was like a hurricane here in Duckburg. Great changes were happening and anything seemed possible!
"At the time, I was painting a building for the business Miccia & Co."
Ahhhhhhhh- Ya ya yaaah-
"The client, Tony Miccia, was a nasty little man! That tyrant, as yelly as he was tiny, made life impossible for us!"
I asked you to paint that warehouse pearl gray, did I not?
Pearl Grey No. 561-U, Boss! Right! Like in the sample palette!
So you're going to blame your palette for this abomination?!
B-but I thought!
I'm not paying you to think!
Redo the whole thing if you want to keep your job!
Huoh.

This client is a nasty little man
I best do the job right if I don't want any trouble with him!
PRRRING
Oh! Break time! Thank goodness!
I'm eager to dive back into the adventures of *Superduck*, my new favorite comic book hero!
He's my hero! My role model! He has some of the most incredible adventures!
We can't hold a conversation when you're reading that junk, Bumbum!
When you talk to us, it doesn't make sense!

That's not true! And another thing: Comic books aren't junk!
Aren't you a little old to be reading comic books?
Mmm... maybe some other day...
Huh?
What'd I say? Not making sense!
"Yep, it was a very tense atmosphere!"
PRRRING
Seeya tomorrow, Bumbum!
Cya.
PAIOPÄRE & POJAT
"Every hour of every day, you were bombarded with small injustices!"
Wait your turn.
Beat it!
Uh!
JÄÄTELÖ
Hey! You drove onto the sidewalk!
Uh. Yeah. I noticed.

Hey nugrat! Watch where you're walkin!
Haha!
Whoops!
You could get real hurt!
Hah hah!
"At the time, I just watched and did nothing..."
But deep down, I knew sooner or later that I would have to act!
KOUL!!
There are so many villains on every corner! Just like in my comic books!

Except in real life, there's no Superduck to re-establish the order of things. Sad!
Well, I shouldn't dwell on it! I need to focus on my w-
WHAT?! You DARE talk back to me?!
What? What is it this time?
That job has to be done by tomorrow, do you understand?
I'll never finish it in time!
Then you can look forward to a serious pay-cut!
Hey! You can't do that!
Get back to your post, buddy!
But he already has trouble making ends meet month by month!
That's his problem, not mine! Now, back to work!
That's IT! I can't work under these conditions!!

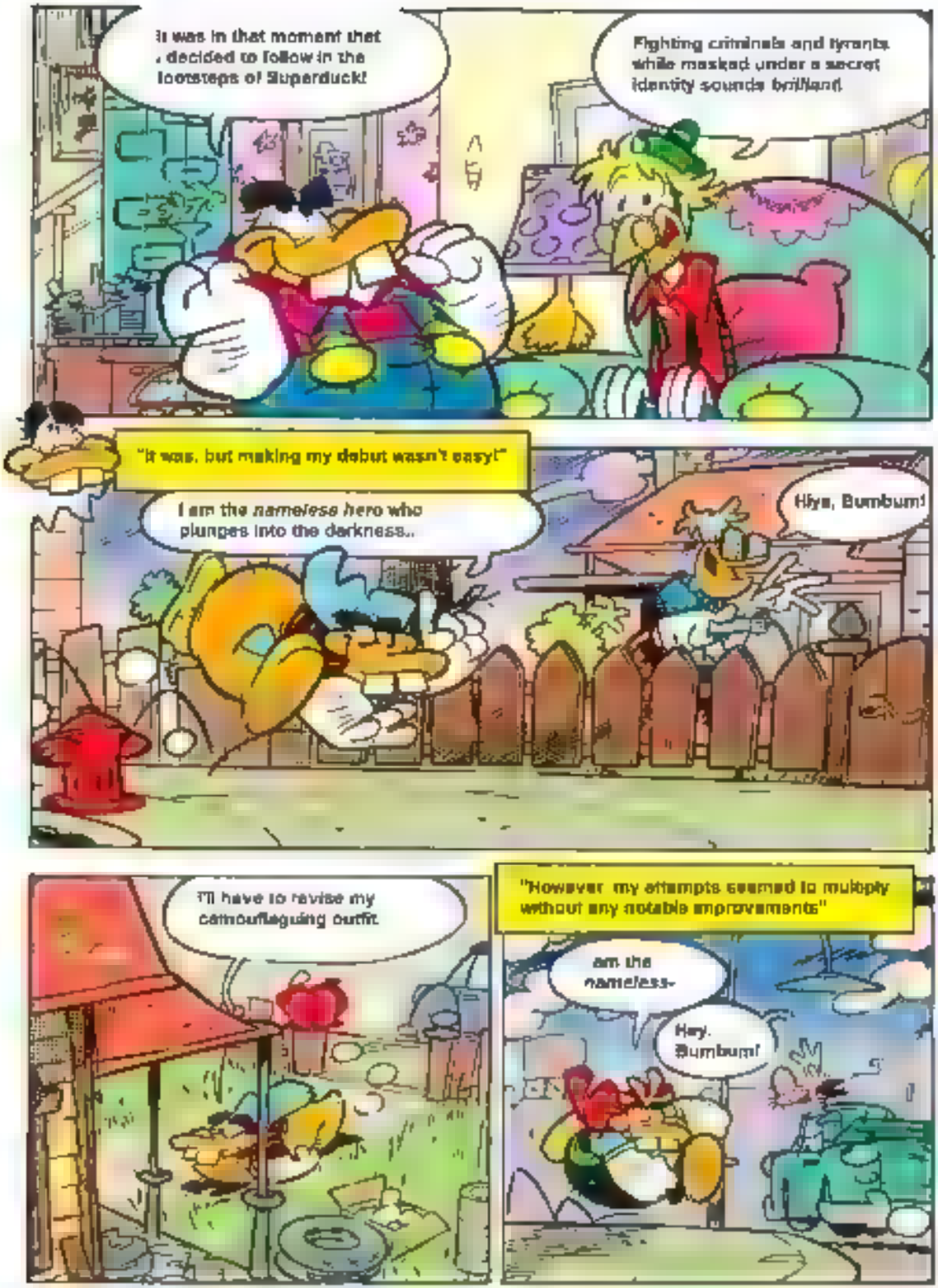
Do as I say!
No! You don't scare me anymore! I quit! Already have another job lined up at another construction site!
Hahaha! Bravo, Fred!
Oh boy! The client is getting angry!
take pleasure in never seeing you again.
Hehe! You were superb!
If I had your courage...
Grrr! I won't let him have the last word!
Mmmmm! Superduck is the best!

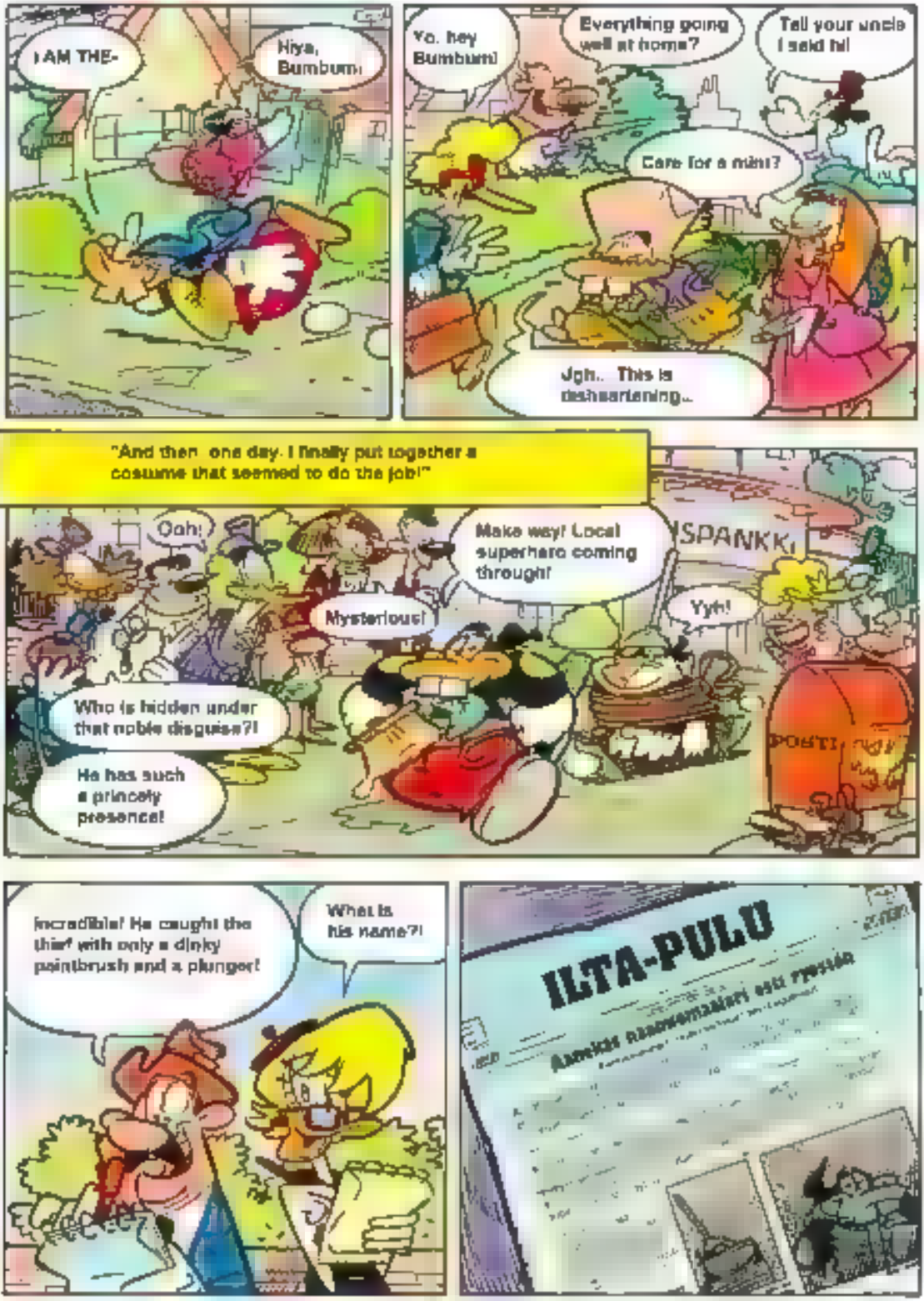
With all his super powers, no criminal is a match for him!
Telepathic shield! Fists of fury! Hi-yaah!
AHHIAA-HJUU!
What's up, man?
Hey
"One day I was headed home in the middle of a storm!"
Ouf! Some storm.
Brr! can't wait to get home and sit with a nice glass of tamarind juice....
TSUMM
AAAH!

Ooof! I feel like a blown out light bulb! Bzzt. Still in its lampshade!
Vnkh.
Plimp...
Krôh...
Tssht..
Well, it could have been worse! I'm a little charred, but at least I'm alive.
What if this was some sign of destiny?
And that lightning bolt chose me - me of all people, to give super powers?!
Maybe - can fly!
With confidence, I fly to help those who are weak!
LOOSK
N...No... can't fly... It must be something else...

"Superstrength?"
Nargl Stupid Earth Gravity!
"Superspeed?"
One hundred meters in... nine minutes seventeen seconds...
I could do better!
"X-ray vision?"
I know you're behind that pillar!
Um, I'm right here...
"And just as I was about to give up..."
At least I feel a little more courageous..
Excuse me, do you have the time?
HU-HU-HU!
Someone call a doctor think he's had a heart attack!
PUM PUM PUM
"In that tiny insignificant moment, my hypothesis collapsed.

"However one day..."
Hmph! Those two bullies again...
Well, well! Look who's back!
Can I get through?
You two are crossing a line!
Huh? Are you trying to play hero?
Come at us!
Don't come any closer! My powers could annihilate you!
Rotating cylinder. Fire burst. Hyaaaahh!!
Is he sick or something?
I'm not sure, but probably. He doesn't seem very clean.
You're right! Let's go.
20 minutes later
You can stop now. They left!
I'm being cautious! Best to stay alert at all times.


It was in that moment that I decided to follow in the footsteps of Superduck!
Fighting criminals and tyrants while masked under a secret identity sounds brilliant!
"It was, but making my debut wasn't easy!"
I am the *nameless hero* who plunges into the darkness..
Hiya, Bumbum!
I'll have to revise my camouflaguing outfit.
"However my attempts seemed to multiply without any notable improvements"
am the nameless-
Hey, Bumbum!


I AM THE-
Hiya, Bumbum!
Yo, hey Bumbum!
Everything going well at home?
Tell your uncle I said hi!
Care for a mint?
Ugh.. This is disheartening...
"And then one day, I finally put together a costume that seemed to do the job!"
Ooh!
Mysterious!
Make way! Local superhero coming through!
SPANKK!
Yyh!
Who is hidden under that noble disguise?!
He has such a princely presence!
POSTI
Incredible! He caught the thief with only a dinky paintbrush and a plunger!
What is his name?!
ILTA-PULU

Hmm. Masked Painter? Not bad!
"And so my name problem was resolved!"
"After that, the Masked Painter made increasingly frequent appearances in Duckburg."
I told you to wait your turn!
Get outta here!
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KUUMIA KOIRIA
Hey now! Who raised you to act like that?
You talkin to me?
And who are you?
A veeeeeeery sensitive hero.
who can't stand the sight of any bully!
Well, I hope you can stand the sight of a *hospital room*, buddy!

You're going to regret that, bub!
Now, for my secret move!
Hey! Who turned out the lights?!
Didn't anyone ever tell you that lights out.
...means it's bedtime?!
TONK
"And so...
Say it one more time
Thank you, Masked Painter for protecting the weak and defensaless!
At your service!
Okay! I won't bully anyone anymore. Now get me down from here!!!
"Duckburgians quickly got used to the weird, but reassuring silhouette of their unconventional hero!"

"And that's how the newspapers and tv stations gained interest in this curious person.
UUTISET
Thanks to his agility the Masked Painter prevented a semi from getting into an accident this morning!
TUUT TUUT
Here is footage of how the events unfolded.
Stop filming and help me down from here!
"They even invited me on as a guest!"
A question for today's guest: Are you a romantic?
I write poetry, yes
A superhero writer?! Could we read your poems? I would be tickled to see them!
Impossible! I keep them in my... ahem... My inaccessable secret sanctuary!

"Magazines were flying off the shelves!"
MeANKAT
MIES MAALIN TAKANA
KUVA-ANKK
"As for Masked Painter, he helped bring back a little order to Duckburg, with the help of his trusty paintbrush and plunger."
Sounds like everything worked out for the best!
Yes, except at the construction site where discontentment was growing.
"And one day..."
VARASTO
Golf! What a rough day!
I'll clean up my tools, then I'll get back to... Oh crumbs...
VIPS
My paintbrush fell into the vents.
I have to get it back!

Just a little more and...
Everything's going according to keikaku! Hahaha!
Oh! It's Tony Miccio's office!
This time, Luther Calgone will not bother me anymore!
What's he scheming?
I've locked him up so he can't oppose me any longer
No longer will he put a stick in my plans... And what's more! No one will find him!
Miccio wants to get rid of Luther. He must not think lightly of coworkers standing up for one another!
KLONK
My client is a criminal!

Bumbum may not be very talented..
But no obstacle can stop the Masked Painter!
Now to find this place..
Perhaps I'll fly above the rooftops! Zigzag up and down streets! Leap from tree to tree!
Why are you all looking at me like that?

Four hours later -
Luther is surely trapped in here!
RUSH
What the-
You're free!
You spoke too soon!
Get out! I know even the Masked Painter can't do much against a revolver
I beg to differ
You're the one who spoke too soon, Miccia! We won't let you get away with this!
Huh?!

The whole crew showed up!
But... why..
We don't like you're methods! You're hardly a commendable person
We followed you here and our suspicions were confirmed!
Getting rid of Luther because he bugged you? That's going too far!
You're gonna regret this!
You make us sick!
Get him!
Look out! He's making a break for it!
Too late...
Let him go! It's not like he'll ever show his face again!
VRUMM
We found unky where we had once lost it. That's what's important here!
Hey! Don't you want to be the new unkar director Luther?

It would be an honor boys!
Woohoo!
Luther Caligne!
Luther Caligne!
Luther Caligne!
Luther Caligne!
TAP
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I love it when a story has a happy ending!
Yeah no, I'm not done.
"I felt I had to find Tony Miccia again and I left in order to search for him"
Driver step on it!
"Following his trail was as easy as drinking Tamarind juice!"
I made the perfect escape

Ack! Who goes there?
Don't you remember me Miccia?
It's your worst nightmare!
Now how do I turn this thing off?
Please! Don't hurt me!
SUISH
Sure I'm a criminal, but I'm not the only one!
Luther Caligno was blackmailing me!
You're a liar!
No! It's true! He knew was illegally receiving poor quality material and threatened to tell everyone!
bought his silence but he just wanted more and more... That's why was so annoyed!
I had to cut the workers salaries in order to keep the budget!
Say it ain't so!

"My poor construction colleagues. They'd never see it coming!"
Wa!
Lovel
Luther!
"I quit the business and started my own. This misadventure was the Masked Painter's greatest failure!"
Knocked out in one fatal blow.
What happened next?
"Public appearances happened less and less..."
ILTA-PULU
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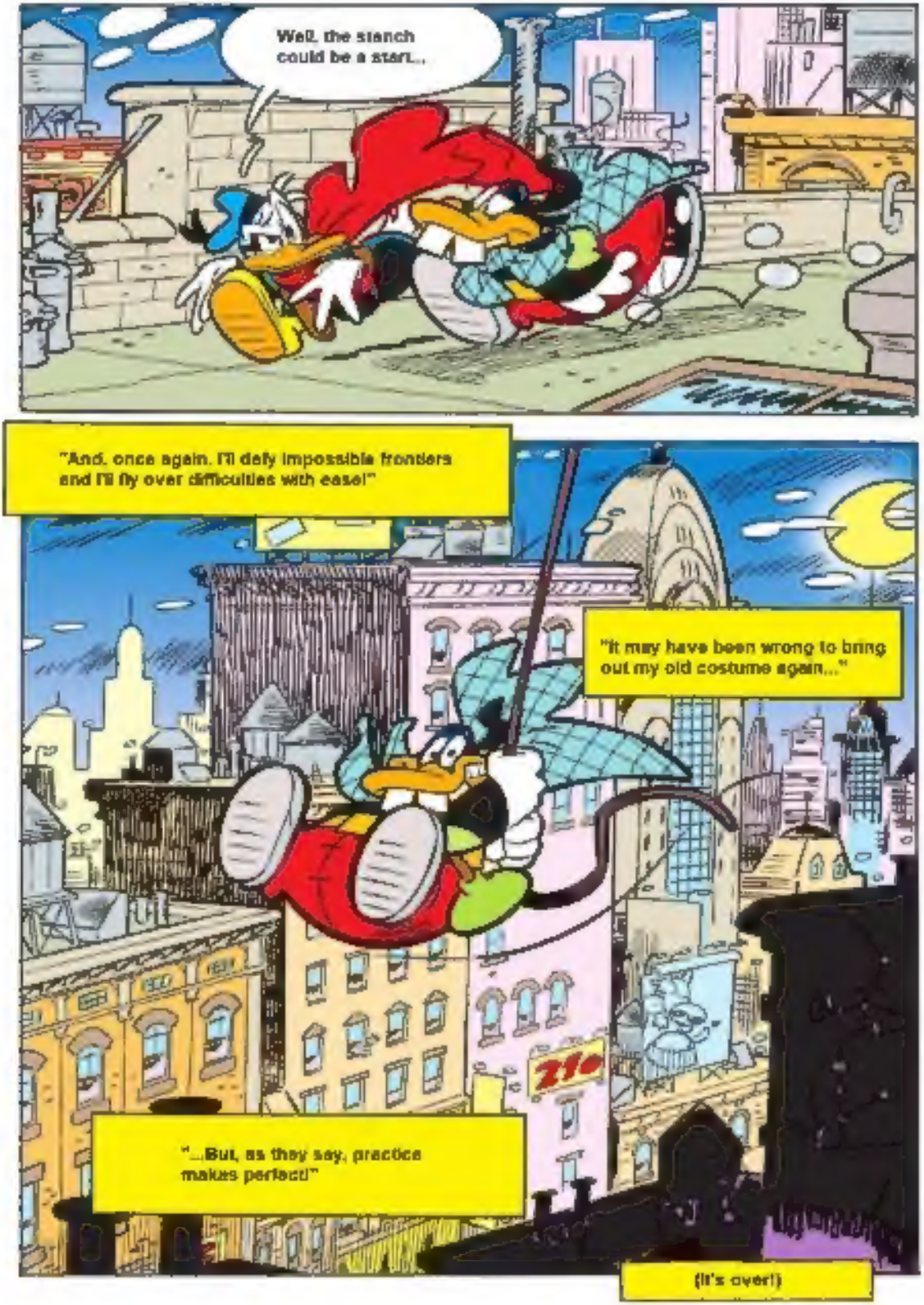
"In the end, I realized that faced with a bolder criminal, a hero armed with a paintbrush couldn't do much good!"
"And as soon as it began, the Masked Painter craze ended."

"And for the umpteenth time, Duckburg's eyes were set on a new hero..."
Wow!
So cool!
"Masked Painter Mania was going out of fashion"
"In his tower, the Masked Painter was crushed by the incessant influx of flamboyant newcomers!"
And what of Luther Caligne?
Abandonned by his colleagues, he continues to work with the same low quality material, forgetting the proof that got him trapped...
"And what happened happened. He filed for bankruptcy due to some formidable competition!"
Vetho-kirja

It's a shame the Masked Painter was stopped. He was pretty popular...
It must have been a good time!
That it was!
You may have the chance to start up anew, Bumbum!
With all my health troubles and my painful trick knee?
It's impossible, Gyro!
Ehm...
Bah! This is the last time I'll say this to you!

No! No! And Furthermore, no!
But... Puff... Pant... I need all the help I can get!
Not from me you don't! I don't and have never needed an assistant! Good day!
But... Oof!
Stupid, non-anthropomorphic bird!
Well first off, have you found yourself a secret identity yet?
I'll put on a mask that's three times less revealing! I'll modify my voice! How could you recognize me then?


Well, the stanch could be a start...
"And, once again, I'll defy impossible frontiers and I'll fly over difficulties with ease!"
"It may have been wrong to bring out my old costume again..."
"...But, as they say, practice makes perfect!"
(It's over!)